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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Yoshifumi TAKATA, et al.

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For:

SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING AN IMPROVED INTERLAYER CONDUCTOR CONNECTIONS AND A MANUFACTURING METHOD

THEREOF

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The following Amendment and Remarks are submitted in response to the Office dated October 16, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 9 as follows. Action dated October 16, 2002.

(Twice Amended) A method of manufacturing a semiconductor device 9. comprising the steps of sequentially:

forming a first interlayer insulating film on a semiconductor substrate;

forming a plurality of openings in said first interlayer insulating film;

forming a conductor film on said first interlayer insulating film so as to fill said openings;